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Rural District Council of Pickering.

ANNUAL REPORT.

of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending
December 31st, 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the Pickering Rural District Council

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my Report on the health and sanitary conditions of your Area.

SECTION A. Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

The Area of your District is 74,865 acres.

The estimated resident Population is 5,249.

The number of inhabited houses is 1,660.

The Rateable Value is £16,522, which produces a Penny Rate, £70 : 7 : 6 nett.

Social Conditions.

The inhabitants of the District are mainly occupied in agricultural pursuits.

Vital Statistics.

		Total	M	F	Birth Rate per 1,000 of population
		73	34	39	13'9
Live Births	{ Legitimate	65	30	35	
	{ Illegitimate	8	4	4	
Still Births	{ Legitimate	0	0	0	
	{ Illegitimate	0	0	0	
Deaths		65	39	26	12'4 per 1,000 of population.

Death rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 Live Births	Total 5	Rate 68'5
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	5	68.5
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	0	'0

No deaths occurred from Puerperal Sepsis.

No deaths occurred from other Puerperal Disease.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	8
„ Measles (all ages)	...	...	none
„ Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	none
„ Diarrhœa (under two years of age)			none

Causes of Death were :—

		Cerebral Haemorrhage	3
		Heart Disease	30
Congenital Malformation	2	Other Circulatory Diseases	2
Bronchitis	4	Ulcer of Stomach	1
Cancer	8	Other Digestive Disease	1
Pneumonia	1	Appendicitis	1
Tuberculosis	1	Acute & Chronic Nephritis	4
Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	All Other Causes	6

SECTION B. General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Public Health Officers of the Authority are :—

The M.O.H., Sanitary Inspector, District Nurses and the School Medical Officer.

Nursing in the Homes.

The District Nurses attend cases in the homes where necessary, except in infectious cases.

Laboratory Facilities.

The North Riding Laboratory, Scarborough, undertakes all necessary work.

Hospitals.

There is no change in former arrangements.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Motor Ambulance continues to be of the greatest service to the community.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

No alteration has been made in former arrangements.

Water Supply.

The water supply of the area is derived from various sources and the water is pure and sufficient in quantity except in drought periods.

There have been excessive demands on the supply throughout the area in the last few years owing to military occupation. On the whole the supply is piped.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The following tabular statement is furnished by the Sanitary Inspector.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I herewith submit the Report on the Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Number of visits under Public Health Acts	...	...	207
" " " Housing Acts	...	...	42
" " to Dairies Cowsheds, etc.	...	...	102
" " to works in progress	...	...	307
" " to Shops	...	...	38
Drainage systems renewed or improved	...	...	19
Drains inspected and tested	...	...	27
" " " found satisfactory	...	...	20
" " " found defective	...	...	7

Shops and Offices.

No action has been found necessary under the Shops Acts as regards temperature and ventilation, but, in one case separate Sanitary accommodation for sexes was provided.

Camping Sites.

No Licences have been issued for Camping sites. Small numbers of Boy Scouts occasionally camp in fields adjoining farms, for short periods, but, these camps have been conducted in an orderly and satisfactory manner.

Smoke Abatement.

No nuisance exists from smoke in the area.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

There are no Public Swimming Baths or Pools in the district.

Meat and Other Foods.

With the exception of emergency slaughters all slaughtering is carried out at a central Slaughter-house outside the District. In a small number of cases the attention of the authorities has been drawn to carcasses which appear to have escaped their notice and these carcasses have been returned for salvage purposes.

Tinned foods have been regularly inspected in the shops and whenever the quantity condemned was sufficient for salvage purposes the Salvage Dept. of the Ministry of Food was informed. A few whole cheeses were condemned and these were returned for re-processing.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No houses either Council or privately owned have been found infested with Bed Bugs. Cases of flea infestation have been found and dealt with by spraying with insecticide and fumigation.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. STOREY, A.R.S.I., M.I.H.

Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION F. Prevalence and control over Infectious and other Diseases.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1944.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Measles ...	2	none	none
Smallpox ...	none	none	none
Scarlet Fever ...	1	1	none
Diphtheria ...	none	none	none
Enteric Fever, including Paratyphoid ...	none	none	none
Puerperal Fever ...	none	none	none
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	none	none	none
Pneumonia ...	1	none	none
Erysipelas ...	none	none	none
Whooping Cough ...	9	none	none

Cancer.

8 deaths occurred from Cancer during the year, 5 being males and 3 females.

Prevention of Blindness.

No action was necessary under Section 66 of the Public Health Act.

Tuberculosis.

New cases of Mortality during 1944 :—

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 ...								
1 ...								
5 ...								
15 ...								
25 ...				1				
35 ...			1					
45 ...								1
55 ...								
65& upwards						1		
Totals...			1	1		1		1

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,
THOS. J. MUIR,
Medical Officer of Health,
Pickering Rural District.